

Docket No. ATODP0100USSerial No. 10/675,019**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT****IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please amend the paragraph at page 14, lines 4-6, to read as follows:**

Figs. 3a- ~~3d~~ 3c are schematic cross-sectional views of a conventional process of pattern etching followed by micro-roughening, demonstrating the loss of metal from the circuit pattern elements.

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Entry of the above-submitted Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

### **RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEMS**

The Notice of Omitted Items mailed 331 December 2003 indicated that Figure 3d was referred to in the specification, and that no Figure 3d was included with the application papers as filed.

The reference to Figure 3d is a typographical error, which has been corrected in the above amendment of the specification, so that only Figures 3a-3c are referred to. There is and was no Figure 3d in this application. There is no reference to Figure 3d in the specification except for the typographical error corrected herein.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that no items were omitted from the application, and that no petition or fee is required in response to the Notice.

Applicants respectfully request the Office of Initial Patent Examination to enter the above-submitted amendment of the specification and to complete the processing of the present application so that it may be assigned to an examiner for substantive examination.

### **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for substantive examination and that nothing has been omitted from the application. Applicants respectfully request notice to such effect.

**Although it is not believed any fees are due, should such fees be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees for the processing of this paper to Deposit Account #18-0988, Docket No. ATODP0100US.**

In the event issues remain in the initial examination of this application, Applicant requests that the Office of Initial Patent Examination telephone the undersigned attorney to expedite consideration of the application. Should a Petition for Extension of Time be necessary for the present Reply to the outstanding Office action to be timely filed (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary) petition therefor

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is hereby made and, if any additional fees are required for the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account #18-0988, Docket No. ATODP0100US.

Respectfully submitted,

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